Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Not the whole amount.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The full amount is not advanced. Only a portion of the allotment is advanced to begin the work.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—My question is only regarding the provision, not with the money actually spent. Whatever is advanced to the Panchayats may be considered to have been actually spent. So the amount given as advances also might find a place there.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—The amount advanced can also be furnished.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—So it is possible to give that information.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—But not the amount spent.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I asked for the total amount not appropriated.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Appropriated means spent also.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It was so understood by the Government Member.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—It was misunderstood.

Receipts from the Canal Department.

142. Mr. M. A. Chakko.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) what amount is realised by the Canal Department annually from people residing in Narakkal constituency as registration fee, etc., for boats and canoes owned or used by them; a table showing the last three years' figures may be given ;

(b) if the Government has rendered any navigation facilities to the public of the place in the shape of repairs and extensions of the canal system ;

(c) if the answer to question (b) is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state what were the works executed during the last three years and the cost of each ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Average Rs.2,274 annually. A table is given below :—

In 1101	Rs. 2,278—12—0
,, 1102	Rs. 2,250— 4—0
,, 1103	Rs. 2,294— 8—0

(b) Yes.

(c) A statement is appended. (*Vide Appendix I.*)

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—My question relates to navigation facilities rendered by the Government. May I know whether the work in appendix I (1), opening a new north to south canal with cross canals in Elankunnapuzha and Narakkal villages, estimate amount Rs. 36,500, was it a navigation canal or an irrigation canal or both ?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It served the purpose of both.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—May I know why the work for Rs. 36,000 stopped abruptly in 1103? Rs. 8,500 was spent in 1102 and Rs. 250 in 1103. There we stopped. Was it because the work was completed or put off?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The work was completed.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—Then of course that is a canal that was intended to serve both irrigation and navigation purposes. In the year 1103 and this year also you are getting Rs. 2,274 from the navigators, and you are not spending anything more than Rs. 250 in 1103, and it is a canal which does not directly open to the backwater where most of the boats ply. So the navigation facilities rendered to the people are only to an extent of Rs. 36,500. The expenditure began anterior to 1101 and was prolonged and continued till 1103 and there it stopped. The collection of the rates continued, and no facilities were rendered, nothing to speak of, since 1103 though the collection continues. My question was "what amount is realised by the Canal Department annually from people residing in Narakkal constituency as registration fee, etc., for boats and canoes owned or used by them; a table showing the last three years' figures may be given." You have given the figures: '1101—Rs. 2,278—12—0, 1102—Rs. 2,250—4—0 and 1103—Rs. 2,294—8—0,' and the expenditure from that amount to render facilities was mainly the construction of a canal which started anterior to 1101.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It was started in 1100, that is all.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—And it is a canal that does not open itself to the backwater.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes. It comes through Malippuram.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—It only connects with a canal which is open to the backwater.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It is the same thing, I suppose.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—The existing canal runs parallel to the backwater. It cannot go and open itself to the backwater. So will the Government have any objection to spend at least 50 per cent of this for the boatmen for their benefit?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The Member may see in the last three years we have collected about 7 thousand rupees and we have spent about 19 thousand rupees.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—No.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—In the last there

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years, 1101, 1102 and 1103, we have spent about 20 thousand rupees.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—Not for the boatmen, but for the cultivators.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Boatmen plied in these canals. I do not see the difference.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—Another amount claimed to have been spent is Rs. 200 in 1101, Rs. 199 in 1102 and Rs. 194 in 1103, for the P. C. R. Works of the Malippuram Depot, deepening of the water-way.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It is almost an annual expenditure.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—Government wants the approaches to the Depot to be in such a way that the salt contractor may have all the facilities to take his articles to the Malippuram Depot, and the Government claims that it has been to the public benefit because rates are collected.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The Member ought to know it better.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—The Canal Department collects such a large amount. Is any collection made from cars and carriages in rural parts?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No, I do not think.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—That sort of vehicles has exemption. The boats have no exemption, even when the amount spent is so very meagre. I want to draw the attention of the Government to this.

Co-operative Societies.

143. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state the number of applications received by the Registrar of Co-operative Societies for the registration of societies during the last three years ending Mithunam 1104?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—150 till 20th Mithunam 1104.

144. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government kindly place on the Table a statement showing the number of applications rejected, the places from which they had been sent, the names of the proposed societies sought to be registered and the reasons for rejecting those applications?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The information asked for cannot be furnished as the period for which it is wanted is not specified.

Petition complaining against the acquisition of site for the Chittur Girls' School.

145. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

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(b) & (c). There is a general rule that the tiles, cement, steel are to be supplied departmentally. In cases where it is found detrimental to the interests of the Government, or where the supply to be made is comparatively small or where such a supply will cause delay to works, the contractors are allowed to make their own arrangements for the supply.

Action taken against the Assistant Engineer.

150. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state what is the action taken against the Assistant Engineer for having submitted the completion report of the canal referred to in question No. 268 of the Legislative Ssession of 1104?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Final orders have not yet been passed.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—May I know how long was this matter pending with the Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The final report of the Chief Engineer was received on 4th January.

APPENDIX I.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 142.)

Statement of works executed in Narakkal constituency.

Serial No.	Name of work	Expenditure in 1101	Expenditure in 1102	Expenditure in 1103	Remarks
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
1	Opening a new North to South canal with cross canals in Elangunnapuzha and Narakkal villages. Estimate amount Rs.36,500	11,490	8,500	250	
2	Deepening the water-way leading to Salt Depot at Malippuram	200	199	194	

APPENDIX II.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 147.)

P. No. 17 of 1104.

Office of the Chief Engineer,
Trichur,
19th July 1929.

Memo.

Ref.—Petition dated Chingam 5, 1104, from Mr. Nambalat Sankunni Panikkar and others of Kunnamkulam and adjoining villages requesting for

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